Effect of open sky policy on passengers traffic

5204. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the passengers traffic growth in Indian Airlines has declined abruptly due to "open sky" policy initiated by Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Indian Airlines daily carried on an average, 21,426 passengers in 1992-93, 21,601 passengers in 1993-94 and 20,853 passengers in 1994-95.

Dangers from Slaughter House to Flying Aircrafts

5205. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether unauthorised slaughter houses in Delhi particularly in the vicinity of airports are a source of continuing danger to the flying aircrafts; and

(b) if so, what measures Government propose to take to remove all such slaughter houses from the Capital?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) There is no unauthorised slaughter house in the vicinity of Indira Gandhi International airport. However, unauthorised slaughtering is reported occasionally. To overcome this problem periodic inspections are carried out by the Director General of Civil Aviation alongwith the concerned authorities and necessary action initiated as per the provisions of Aircraft Rules.

Flying clubs in Madhya Pradesh

5206. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of flying/gliding clubs functioning in Madhya Pradesh at present and what are the names of the places where these clubs are situated;

(b) what is the number of aeroplanes and gliders available with them at present;

(c) what is the amount of annual subsidy/assistance provided to each of these clubs during the last three years; and

(d) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to establish any gliding/flying club in Jashpur?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Madhya Pradesh Flying Club is the only subsidised Flying Club in Madhya Pradesh which was established in 1951 at Indore. A branch of this club was set up at Bhopal in 1958. At present, the club has five aircraft. In addition, a private flying club, named Udan Research and Flying Institute started functioning at Indore in 1990. This club has six aircrafts. There is no gliding club in this State.

(c) The amounts of subsidy provided to Madhya Pradesh Flying Club by the Central Government were Rs. 7.49 lakhs in 1992-93, Rs. 11.87 lakhs in 1993-94 and Rs. 18.61 lakhs in 1994-95. No subsidy was provided to the private club.

(d) No, Sir.

Assessment of Air India's ability to manage more planes

5207. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India is purchasing more Boeing 747-400 planes;

(b) whether any proper assessment has been made of Air India's ability to manage and run a larger fleet;

(c) if so, the details of the study made;

(d) whether the past record of Air India is poor on this aspect; and

(e) the steps proposed to re-assess Air India's ability to manage more planes?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Detailed assessment of facilities and manpower required to operate and maintain the fleet is done prior to induction of each type of aircraft.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Survey of the Tourist Potential of Araku Valley

5208. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have done any survey of the tourist potential of Araku Valley in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any proposals for development of tourism have been received from Andhra Pradesh with regard to any location in the Eastern Ghats; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b): The Government of Andhra Pradesh conducted a survey of tourist places in the State including Araku Valley in Visakhapatnam in the year 1990. The development of Borra lime stone caves near Araku Valley and creation of trekking facilities are the recommendations contained in the survey report. No such survey has however, been conducted by the Central Government.

(c) and (d) The Central Department of Tourism provides financial assistance to the State Government on the basis of specific proposals from them. A sum of Rs. 4.5 lakhs was thus sanctioned during 1990-91 for flood lighting of Borra caves and Rs. 10.54 lakhs was sanctioned during 1992-93 for the purchase of trekking equipments. A sum of Rs. 29.91 lakhs have also been sanctioned for construction of Yatri Niwas at Araku during 1994-95.

राजकोट भावनगर और बड़ोदरा विमान क्षेत्र का विकास

5209. श्री अनन्तराय देवशंकर दवे:
श्री चीमनभाई हरिभाई शुक्ल:

क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या राजकोट, भावनगर और बड़ोदरा विमान क्षेत्र के धावन-पथ के विस्तार का कार्य शुरू हो गया है;

(ख) इस परियोजना की अनुमानित लागत कितनी है और इसके लिए कितनी धनराशि आवंटित की गई है;

(ग) क्या राजकोट, भावनगर और बड़ोदरा विमान क्षेत्र के धावनपथ के विस्तार कार्य अथवा विकास के लिए कोई अंशदान/धन प्राप्त हुआ है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आज़ाद): (क) भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण की राजकोट, भावनगर और बड़ोदरा हवाई अड्डों पर धावनपथ के विस्तार की कोई योजना नहीं है।

(ख) से (घ) ये प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Udan Akademy

5210. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure incurred on Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Udan Akademy during the last three years;